Preparation of List of Major Polluting Industries

984. SHRI SHUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
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SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of major polluting industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to minimise pollution caused by the effluents emitted by such industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 1629 units in the identified 17 categories of heavily polluting industries in the country.

(c) Government have issued a notification on 12.2.1992, according to which industries that are commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 arc required to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993 respectively. The State Governments have been asked to take legal action against the defaulting industries.

Death of African Rhinoceroses in Delhi Zoo

985. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that two African Rhinoceroses died in Delhi Zoo after drinking stagnated water from the common moat due to the neglect of the Zoo authorities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the causes of the death of the Rhinoceroses;

(c) what steps have so far been taken to provide proper medical aid and food to the Zoo animals and to save their lives;

(d) the number of animals died in the Delhi Zoo during the last three years and reasons therefor;

(e) what action Government have taken against the officials found responsible for the death of these animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The recent death of two African Rhinos was due to Gastto-enteritis. Prima-facie there is no evidence of neglect of Zoo authorities.

(b) Full time qualified veterinary assistance is available to attend to any emergency. The Services of other veterinary experts arc also taken as and when required. Besides the zoo has a well equipped laboratory and veterinary unit in operation. The food is inspected by the verterinary staff before it is given to the animals. These measures arc effective in providing proper medical aid and food to the zoo animals.

(d) The number of animals died in the zoo during last three years is as under:

Year	Animals	Birds
1989-90	104	294
1990-91	69	74
1991-92	73	117

Apart from natural deaths major causes of deaths were injuries, infectious diseases, reproductive problems and environmental stress.

(e) Does not arise in all the causes except in the case of the accidental death of black bucks, where departmental action has been initiated against the zoo personnel alleged to have been guilty of dereliction of duty.

Selecting the Areas in Gujarat Forest Conservation

986. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what arc the names of the areas in Gujarat selected for forest conservation;

(b) what arc the details of the area of land brought under forest land district-